

Economic Impact Statement

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IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses

Estimate of Number of Small Businesses That Will Be Subject to this Rule.

As required by IC 4-22-2.1-5(a)(1), the estimate of the number of small businesses, classified by industry sector, that will be subject to the proposed rule:

As provided by the Office of Energy Development (OED), about 35 small scale installers, and 30 to 50 mechanical contracting companies, energy savings companies, engineering firms, etc., currently exist. It is unclear how many additional businesses would be affected by the amended rule. However, the Commission has heard anecdotal accounts that the number and size of small businesses engaged in the selling, installation, and the maintenance of net metering facilities would increase with the implementation of this rule.

As required by IC 4-22-2.1-5(a)(2), the estimate of the average annual reporting, record keeping, and other administrative costs that small businesses will incur to comply with the proposed rule: None.

As required by IC 4-22-2.1-5(a)(3), the estimate of the total annual economic impact that compliance with the proposed rule will have on all small businesses subject to the rule:

None. The rule is voluntary. If small businesses choose to participate, this rule will be revenue generating for them.

Justification Statement.

As required by IC 4-22-2.1-5(a)(4), the following statement justifies any requirement or cost that is imposed on small businesses by the rule; and not expressly required by the statute authorizing the agency to adopt the rule; or any other state or federal law.

There are no requirements or costs that are imposed on small businesses by the amended rule.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis.

As required by IC 4-22-2.1-5(a)(5), this regulatory flexibility analysis considers any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed rule. The analysis under this subdivision considers the following methods of minimizing the economic impact of the proposed rule on small businesses:

(A) The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.

There are no compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses as a result of this amended rule.

(B) The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.

There are no compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses as a result of this amended rule.

Therefore, there are no schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.

(C) The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.

There are no compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses as a result of this amended rule.

Therefore, consolidation or simplification is unnecessary.

(D) The establishment of performance standards for small businesses instead of design or operational standards imposed on other regulated entities by the rule.

There are no compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses as a result of this amended rule.

Small businesses actually requested the changes in this rule, as it will be a source of revenue for them.

(E) The exemption of small businesses from part or all of the requirements or costs imposed by the rule.

There are no compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses as a result of this amended rule.

Therefore, exemption is unnecessary.

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